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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AFGHANISTAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO OGDEN WILLIAMS AT THE AFGHANISTAN RELIEF COMMITTEE. BEGIN MESSAGE:

2. BRIGADIER NAVAB KHAN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE KHYBER TEACHING HOSPITAL HERE, PHONED MAY 6 WITH AN URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO AN AFGHAN REFUGEE PATIENT. A WOMAN, AGE ABOUT 48, IS SUFFERING FROM HEART DISEASE, SPECIFICALLY A DAMAGED MITRA VALVE. HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS SAY SHE IS IN URGENT NEED OF MITRA VALVE REPLACEMENT, WHICH CAN BE DONE IN KARACHI. UNFORTUNATELY, FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE HOSPITAL, NOR ARE THEY THROUGH THE AFGHAN REFUGEES OFFICE, NOR THE UNHCR.

3. AS YOU ARE AWARE, MY WIFE MARY HAS A DISCRETIONARY ARC FUND HERE WHICH STILL HAS A BALANCE OF 32,854 RUPEES (ABOUT 3,280 DOLLARS). THIS INCLUDES 1,760 RUPEES WHICH MARY RAISED THROUGH THE SALE OF ARC T-SHIRTS AND CALENDARS. ALTHOUGH LOCAL VOLAGS ARE AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FUND, DEMANDS ON IT HAVE NOT BEEN HEAVY. MARY HAS AUTHORIZED THAT 3,000 RUPEES, THE AMOUNT OF HER DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY, BE USED FOR THE SUBJECT CASE. HOWEVER, WE WONDER IF YOU WANT TO AUTHORIZE HER

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TO CONTRIBUTE THE ENTIRE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED BY

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THE PATIENT. BRIGADIER HANAB KHAN ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 15,000 RUPEES WOULD BE REQUIRED. I TOLD THE BRIGADIER THAT WE WOULD GET BACK TO HIM ASAP. I AWAIT YOUR WORD.

4. NEW SUBJECT: I TRUST YOU HAVE GOTTEN WORD THROUGH THE EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE THAT SOMEONE ELSE BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING ADMINISTER THE ARC FUNDS WHICH ARE IN A RAVALPINGI GAME. I REGRET THAT I DON'T HAVE MORE TIME FOR, OR FEEL THAT MY POSITION ALLOWS ME TO HAVE MORE TO DO WITH, THIS WORTHY CAUSE. END MESSAGE. ARCHARD

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